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AFTERMATH OF BIG DAY.

**With the Drivers and Riders--
Many More Entries
Than Expected.**

In the report of the fair that was printed in the Argus last week several points were not covered, owing to lack of time and space.

In driving stallions Ben Rose took first and second on registered horses. These are exceptionally well bred, of good size, and will make a good cross with the native horses.

M. Jacobson took first and G. Goldberg second on non-registered driving stallions.

G. A. Keys got a first on grade Hambletonian.

Jas. T. Adams first on 2-year-driving, non-registered.

Gentlemen's riding contest, Emery Doane first and Frank Weaver second.

Ladies' riding contest, Mrs. T. D. Redcliff, nee Bell Blanton, first and Inez Weaver second.

In saddle horses, Adolph Fisher's horse took first and

Clark Weaver's horse took second.

While the thoroughbreds and standards exhibited were not so numerous, they were very classy and showed the general interest taken in them.

Professor Conklin did much to arouse the interest of the people in the fair.

Fred Stewart was also one of the hard workers, he said they just spread all over his place.

When the fair was first talked of it was thought the main floor of his stable would be all that was necessary, but there were many more than expected and he regretted very much that some were compelled to put up with poor accommodations, but they did the very best possible under the circumstances.

At the next annual fair they will be better prepared to entertain the visitors.

Better Roads.

Better roads for this state is the object of the Oregon Good Roads association, formed in Portland recently with a strong membership. The association will work for good roads legislation, uniform plans of improvement throughout the state and the collection of money for road building. It is planned to collect a fund of \$15,000 during the next two years and engage a competent road engineer who shall direct all road work in the state. Much good is expected to result from the formation of the association.

Fruitland.

To the editor:
Having heard so much of Fruitland and its vicinity, your correspondent to satisfy himself took a trip from Ontario to that part of Idaho. This little town is about two miles south east from the new steel bridge across Snake River. We found a kindly set of people in the town and several stores some of which are the firms of Stegner & Silkot, groceries and hardware, W. F. Myers, dry goods, and Mrs. Carnefix, who runs the hotel cater to her guests in first class shape. We visited the Drug Store and had an interview with the lady whose husband owns the firm. She gave us a lot of valuable information in regards to the country. There is a new bank nearing completion and also a nice building completed by I. W. Rich. We presume from appearance it will be used for a store. From what we heard the people are greatly in need of a post office and have forwarded a petition to Washington for its location. We must not forget to mention the name of Johnson and Lin, general grocery and also Mr. Smith, the blacksmith, who can always be seen busy at the anvil. There is also a nice meat market owned by Mr. Carnefix where all kinds of fresh meats can be had at a reasonable price. We have no doubt but Fruitland will make a nice town in the near future. Several buildings would have been erected should the price of lots be reasonable.

Uncle Dan'l.

The next attraction at the Opera House will be on the 30th when Uncle Dan'l or the Messenger from Jarvis Section will be presented.

This pleasant story of down East humor and pathos has been one of the most successful of all book plays, having served as an excellent vehicle for the late Barney McCauley for many seasons and proved to be the most popular success in his career.

The great prescription No. 1, for coughs, at Wilson-Duffy Drug Co.

Seen With Stolen Horses

**Geo. Blanton Arrested
on Serious Charge--
Bound Over.**

George Blanton was arrested a few days ago by Sheriff Odell charged with stealing four head of horses from George Doyle.

At the preliminary examination, which was held before Judge King, on Monday, John Coyle, who lives near the Darr place, was the principal witness, and testified that he saw Blanton driving the horses off. He was positive in his identification, having known Blanton several years.

It was testified that Blanton had a man with him when the crime was committed.

Judge King bound the prisoner over, placing bonds at \$800.

John Reese, of Nyssa, had a horse stolen out of his pasture, Sheriff Odell located the animal at Emmett and returned it.

Pete Hoops, who lives on the Owyhee, was arrested for the theft, had a hearing before Justice vonGilsse, placed under a \$1000 bond and in default went to jail.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES.

Via Oregon Short Line. Tickets on sale December 18th, 23d, 24th, 25th and 31st, 1909, and January 1st, 1910; limit, January 3d, 1910. See agents for further particulars.

Local News.

Be careful to prevent Christmas fires.

Wilson-Duffy Drug Co. All kinds of drugs.

Twelve and a half shares of Owyhee Ditch stock for sale. Inquire Burbridge & Doolittle.

Women say lots of things they don't think and men think lots of things they wouldn't dare say.

Imported decorated china, the finest ever exhibited in Ontario for the price. Rader Bros. & Lampkin.

The ideal Xmas gift is jewelry. Go to C. C. Payne's, where you will find a well assorted up to date stock.

New and second hand goods bought and sold. We can save you money. Second door north of Argus office.

The Crescent barber shop and bath rooms, conducted by F. W. Morgan should have your patronage. Give him a call.

Married, at the home of Olden Megorden, Nyssa, on Wednesday, by Rev. Morrison, Miss Olive Megorden, to Mr. I. Ainsworth, both of Nyssa.

Talk about furs and cloaks. The display at Rader Bros. & Lampkins is the finest ever exhibited in Ontario and are being sold at right prices.

Health is too precious to be tampered with by incompetent vendors of drugs. Try the Wilson-Duffy Drug Co., for clean drugs, and expert service.

The pool and billiard tables at the Pastime are always in good condition. We carry a line of first class candies, imported and domestic cigars and tobaccos. Come in and see us.

Blue Prints of any Township in the Burns Land District, showing names of entrymen, kinds of entry, dates, etc., and topography. Price \$1.00. J. C. Turney, Burns, Oregon.

The Eastern Oregon Hardware Company is going out of the crockery business and are selling all their stock at the rate of \$10 worth of crockery for \$7.50. They need the room for their hardware stock.

L. N. Cook & Co. are opening a real estate office in the building formerly occupied by the city meat market. Mr. Cook is from Indiana, but has been doing business in the west for several years. They will carry on a general real estate business and handle property for eastern clients.

L. D. Waring Badly Scalded.

**While Butchering Hogs
Falls Into Tank of
Boiling Water.**

L. D. Waring was seriously scalded last Monday, at the Walker ranch.

They were butchering hogs and using a tank about 3x6 feet in which to scald the hogs.

Mr. Waring was using a hook on the hog and this tore out, throwing Mr. Waring into the tank of scalding water, striking the tank cross ways, and going into the water from his waist to shoulders and the left arm.

The water was so hot that the skin is coming off and Mr. Waring will be confined to his bed at least two weeks.

There is little danger of complications and no serious results are anticipated.

Use Wilson & Duffy's Rational Cold Cure.

500 Acres of Orchard

**Being Planted in Dead
Ox Flat--Installing
Electric Pumps.**

Dr. Waterhouse is arranging to plant a 500 acre apple orchard on the lower Dead Ox Flat.

About three hundred acres have been cleared and will be planted in the spring and the balance will be got in shape for the following season.

These lands will be watered from Snake river. Centrifugal pumps, driven by electricity, will be installed, and the water lifted from 15 to 26 feet.

In this way no long expensive ditches are required and the cost of maintenance is very low, only \$1.50 an acre for the electricity.

The Cattle Business

**Beef and Range Cattle
Being Shipped to
Montana.**

The early winter weather has caused the stockmen to commence feeding about a month earlier than usual and the supply of hay is none too good.

Stock came off the summer ranges in good condition.

Roy Acton got started Saturday for Jordan Valley, trailing about a thousand head of mixed cattle.

Cattle being fed in the yards around Ontario are doing well.

Mr. Lane, representing Fletcher & Lane, cattle men of Forsyth, Montana, has been here several days picking up a bunch of stock cattle. He has 15 cars ready for shipment to Forsyth.

J. H. Kenealy, of Forsyth, Montana, has purchased three cars of beef cattle for shipment.

Henry Blackman assisted in picking up these cattle and says it is more satisfactory than shipping to the Portland market.

Westfall.

Westfall is going to have a brass band some of the boys already have their instruments and are doing a great amount of tooting.

Jake Neet is building a dwelling for Mr. Stanbrough.

L. W. Burch, of Baker City, has been surveying some ditches for Kime brothers, M. S. Shuck and Peter Zee the past week.

Albert Hucker and wife and his brother Louis are going to Baker City on a visit to friends and relatives.

Hay is scarce as hen's teeth, not a ton for sale anywhere.

Sleighting is fine and the Westfall people are sure enjoying it.

Mr. Nichols, foreman of the Harper ranch, was in the city Sunday.

Misses Grace and Fay McElroy teachers of the Westfall, will go to Cambridge, Idaho, for the holidays.

From the number of presents purchased at our stores there will be many happy children and grownups on Christmas.

Jasper Westfall is building an addition on the Switzer house so he can move his family in town and send his children to school.

The Christmas tree will be at the A.O.U.W. hall and a dance will be held after the tree.

Freighters are still hauling to and through Westfall. They say the roads are fine for winter.

Local News.

Use Wilson & Duffy's Rational Cold Cure.

Born, on Monday, to the wife of John Wood, a son.

Have you thought about that poor or sick neighbor?

Brownie Kodaks, \$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10. At Candlands.

Trouble never tries to dodge people who are looking for it.

Lost—Light blue hair scarf. Return to Argus office for reward.

Cut Glass, Hand Painted and Haviland China off at Candlands.

For Sale—60 tons of grain hay. A. H. Ramey, Fruitland, Idaho.

The great Prescription No. 1, for coughs, at Wilson-Duffy Drug Co.

Did you ever notice how much genuine satisfaction you get out of a good sneeze?

Twelve and a half shares of Owyhee Ditch stock for sale. Inquire Burbridge & Doolittle.

Hope springs eternal in the human breast, but it bounces back pretty hard sometimes.

The young people have been enjoying good skating for several days. The sleighing is fair.

Some artist ought to paint a picture of a bald man carrying a hair tonic home with him, and label it "Faith".

It is pleasing to note that the merchants who do the most advertising in the Argus are getting the cream of the business. They know how to reach the buyers.

The Malheur Mercantile Company sent out a big load of supplies to the interior on Tuesday. The roads are hard and makes hauling good, better than when the mud holds sway.

The United Artisans held a district meeting at Payette on Tuesday evening, when large delegations were present from Ontario and Weiser. They initiated eight candidates. The delegates from Ontario returned well pleased with the entertainment.

Power Sites Withdrawn

Walter Glenn has purchased the southwest corner one block west of the Carter house from J. H. Farley for \$2500. Mr. Glenn purposes erecting a two-story and basement brick business house in the spring. This will be the first substantial business house erected off the Main street and will soon be followed by others.

Along the Snake River In this Section and Other States.

The Interior department has notified the land offices of the withdrawal of lands along the Snake river, in the states of Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

The land near Huntington, embraced in the withdrawal is township 15 south, 46 east and townships 13, 14 and 15 south, 45 east.

These are to be held as possible power sites, and is in line with the policy of the department recently inaugurated.

La Grande has now secured one of the best supplies of water in the state. No doubt the empty lot owners will point out this advantage to prospective buyers and give them the benefits resulting without raising prices any.

WITH THE IRRIGATORS.

**Road Companies in Line--Im-
portant Ruling By the
Supreme Court.**

The adjourned meeting held at Vale Monday was well attended, but little business was transacted. It was found that matters were not in shape to proceed, so an adjournment was asked for, which the court readily granted and appointed January 3rd as the date at which the business is to be taken up and completed.

Attorneys Biggs and McGonagill presented petitions from clients asking to have their lands set out of the district, as they already had ample water.

Attorney McCulloch presented a petition from Col. Wood asking to have all the road lands included in the district.

It developed that many who are under the present ditches were not represented and it was considered advisable that all should be given an opportunity of presenting their views before going ahead.

Many who are under the present ditches are being more impressed with the importance of having only one irrigation and drainage company operating in the district and are having their lands included.

Drainage has not received much attention in this section and the effects of the neglect are noticeable in many places. Under the proposed system all lands will be drained and many acres of land, now practically worthless, will be reclaimed.

A meeting was held at Nyssa Tuesday and a committee appointed to confer with the

directors of the Owyhee ditch company on Thursday with a view to having all the lands under their ditch brought under the new system.

The general impression seems to be that matters are progressing very favorably and that when the time comes to perfect organization there will be practically a solid front, all working together for the common good.

Justice Will R. King of the Supreme Court, last week rendered a decision in the case of White vs. Gavin, appeal from Baker County, which will be of interest to those having water rights in this county, wherein they have not been actually using the amount of water filed upon or up to the full capacity of their ditches, Mr. King decides:

"The right to water claimed by prior appropriators for irrigation purposes, is always limited in quantity by the use for which the appropriation is made, and to which it may, in a reasonable time, be applied; and it is so well settled as almost to become axiomatic, that beneficial use and the needs of the appropriators, and not the capacity of the ditches or quantity first run through them, is the measure and limit of the right of the appropriators. While the quantity to which the appropriators may be entitled does not necessarily equal the carrying capacity of the ditch, the capacity thereof is essentially the utmost limits of such rights."

Successful Dedication

**Rev. Homan Principal
Speaker—\$500
Realized.**

The services at the Methodist Church last Sunday dedicating the church were highly successful in every way.

The sermon in the morning was delivered by Rev. Homan, of Salem. His theme was the uplifting influence of churches. It was a stirring address.

The sum of \$502 was realized toward the church indebtedness, enough to wipe out all bills and provide funds to have the building painted.

In the evening Rev. Gilliland, of LaGrande, preached. A class of seven was taken into the church.

On Sunday next the members of the Eastern Star and Masons will attend the services.

NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS CONVENTION.

Ogden, Utah, January 6, 7, 8, 1910. Reduced rates via Oregon Short Line. Tickets en sale from Utah stations, January 5, 6, 7 and 8th. From all other points, January 4, 5, and 6, 1910. Ask agents for rates and other particulars.

In the old days, finding a hair in the butter wasn't so bad, after all because you usually knew where the hair came from, but in these days of switches, phonies and paid for tresses, such a discovery has limitless terrors.

For the Schools.

On the 18th instant, the county superintendent dispatched thirty one packages of library books, worth \$336, to the various suburban districts. Since the school clerks know the numbers of their districts; and since it will be much to their advantage to call at their respective stations for the books sent them; we need only to say that the packages mentioned are for the following school districts:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 24, 27, 28, 29, 32, 34, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, and 54.

Reports have been received from nearly all the school districts. Of course, until all are received, it will not be known definitely what the increase has been during the year.

The county superintendent sadly records the passing of Misses Beulah Chester, of the Warren school, and Minnie Marie Edwards, of the Nyssa school, notice of whose demise has already been published. These were good teachers. Both had been chosen to succeed themselves in their respective schools, in which they had made enviable records. By exemplary lives, earnest, capable work in teaching, and a genuine human sympathy with their work and workers, these devoted women have written their names in ineffaceable characters upon the hearts and lives of pupils and patrons! Requisite in place! Mrs. Prof. Davis, teacher of the primary department at Nyssa is also down with typhoid fever but at last reports is improving.